

Boxborough Conservation Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday December 16, 2015 Community Center

Members present: David Follett, Charlene Golden, Norm Hanover, David Koonce, Dennis Reip, Chairman, and Hoff Stuart.

Dennis called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm.

The Commission received a letter from Janine Bush regarding plowing, parking and winter access at Flerra Meadows. Dennis will follow up with the DPW Director and communicate with Ms. Bush.

Motion was made by David Koonce, seconded by Hoff and voted unanimously 6 - 0 to approve the minutes of Dec. 2, 2015.

Motion was made by Dennis, seconded by Norm and voted unanimously 6 - 0 to sign the Deed Acceptance for the Ludovico property, 580 Rear Codman Hill Road.

Motion was made by Dennis, seconded by Norm and unanimously voted to spend up to \$2,000.00 from the Commission's Conservation Trust Fund to perform title search and/or acquire title insurance as needed to protect the Town's interest in secure title for the Campbell property at 940 Depot Road, including the revision of the CR agreement.

Members of the Boxborough Conservation Trust were present to discuss the Conservation Restriction on the Panek property on Liberty Square Road. The Panek CR does have a particular prohibition on bikes, but is entirely silent on horses (other than reserving the right of the Grantors to ride horses).

The Conservation Land/Trail Use Regulations say no horses if trails are muddy. These regs generally apply to all trails as long as they do not conflict with anything specific in the CR.

The Commission needs to check on what the existing signs say.

8:00 PM Hearing RDA Property Owner/Applicant: Donald McPherson, Cloudland Farm.

Location: 535 Rear Stow Road and adjacent to Fifer's Lane Assessor's Map 19-066-000

Present: Don McPherson, Greg Sheets, Mary Ann DiPinto of Three Oaks Environmental on behalf of Cloudland

Documents presented: RDA Lead Reviewer: David Follett

Don believes the removal of trees and vegetation, as shown on the map, is allowed. The farm is an S-corp that leases land from Minute Man Air Field and he was doing field management.

David Follett will request an opinion from the Assessor regarding qualification as a "commercial" agricultural enterprise under MGL. The Commission requested a plan showing field edge, wetlands, and production area. Motion was made by David Follett, seconded by Dennis and unanimously voted to continue the hearing on January 6, 2016 at 8:30 pm.

Hearing ANOI DEP no: 113- Property Owners/Applicants: Cisco Systems

Project Location: 300 Beaver Brook Road Assessor's Map 08-004-000.

Project Description: installation and maintenance of a flow leveling device

Lead Reviewer: Hoff Stuart

Present: Daryl Beardsley, Cisco Environmental Health & Safety Specialist

Documents Presented: ANOI & associated plan and photos

The Commission requested a management plan.

Motion was made by Hoff, seconded by Dennis and unanimously voted to continue the hearing on January 6, 2016 at 8:45 pm.

The Commission reviewed the RDA submission by Ramaker & Associates, Inc. on behalf of the MBTA. According to MGL CH. 161A section 3(1) the MBTA is not subject to local zoning regulations and bylaws. The project, located at 332 Reed Farm Road rear in the MBTA right-of-way, is a proposed antenna and equipment installation on a 60' monopole. Motion was made by Dennis, seconded by David Koonce and unanimously voted to issue and sign a negative Determination with the following additional conditions:

1. Appropriate erosion controls shall be installed and maintained throughout construction. Erosion controls shall be removed from site upon completion of the work.
2. No work shall be performed between May 1 and June 30.

Motion was made by David Koonce, seconded by Dennis and voted unanimously 6 - 0 to sign the Deed Acceptance for the Ashmore property at 345 Rear Sargent Road.

Motion was made by Dennis, seconded by David Koonce and voted unanimously 6 - 0 to have the Chairman sign the Settlement Statement and Disbursement Authorization for the Ashmore property at 345 Rear Sargent Road.

Motion was made by Norm, seconded by Dennis and voted unanimously 6 - 0 to issue and sign the Order of Conditions for 3 Old Harvard Road 113-526.

Motion was made by Hoff, seconded by Norm, and unanimously voted to adjourn at 10:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Charlene Golden.

Charlene Golden      1/6/16  
Approved      Date